

“(2) PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES.—In the case of control programs carried out in response to a mosquito-borne disease that constitutes a public health emergency, the authorization of appropriations under paragraph (1) is in addition to applicable authorizations of appropriations under the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002.

“(3) FISCAL YEAR 2004 APPROPRIATIONS.—For fiscal year 2004, 50 percent or more of the funds appropriated under paragraph (1) shall be used to award grants to political subdivisions or consortia of political subdivisions under subsection (b).”.

SEC. 3. RESEARCH PROGRAM OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES

Subpart 12 of part C of title IV of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following section:

“METHODS OF CONTROLLING CERTAIN INSECT AND VERMIN POPULATIONS

“SEC. 463B. The Director of the Institute shall conduct or support research to identify or develop methods of controlling insect and vermin populations that transmit to human diseases that have significant adverse health consequences.”.

SEC. 4. REPORT.

Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, after consultation with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall submit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report containing the following:

(1) A description of the status of the development of protocols for ensuring the safety of the blood supply of the United States with respect to West Nile Virus, including—

(A) the status of the development of screening mechanisms;

(B) changes in donor screening protocols; and

(C) the implementation of surveillance systems for the transmission of the virus via the blood supply.

(2) Recommendations for improvements to be made to the safety of the blood supply based on the development of protocols pursuant to paragraph (1), including the need for expedited review of screening mechanisms or other protocols.

(3) The benefits and risks of the spraying of insecticides as a public health intervention, including recommendations and guidelines for such spraying.

(4) The overall role of public health pesticides and the development of standards for the use of such pesticides compared to the standards when such pesticides are used for agricultural purposes.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: All nominations on the Secretary's desk.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

AIR FORCE

PN359 Air Force nominations (14) beginning PAUL L. CANNON, and ending FRANK A. YERKES, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of February 25, 2003

PN441 Air Force nomination of Lawrence Mercandante, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of March 24, 2003

PN442 Air Force nominations (2) beginning STANLEY J. BUELT, and ending CHRISTOPHER W. CASTLEBERRY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of March 24, 2003

PN456 Air Force nominations (6) beginning GARY D. BOMBERGER, and ending WARREN R. ROBNETT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of March 26, 2003

PN461 Air Force nominations (43) beginning MICHAEL F. ADAMES, and ending SCOTT A. ZUERLEIN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of March 26, 2003

PN587 Air Force nomination of Jefferson L. Severs, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of May 1, 2003

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2003

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 17. I further ask unanimous consent that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business until 10 a.m. with the time equally divided between the two leaders or their designees, provided that at 10 a.m. the Senate resume consideration of S. 1, the prescription drug benefits bill. I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. for the weekly party lunches.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. CORNYN. For the information of all Senators, tomorrow, following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1, the prescription drug benefits bill. It is hoped that Senators will continue to make their opening remarks on this legislation. Rollcall votes are possible on Tuesday, and Members will be notified when the first vote is scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:26 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, June 17, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate June 16, 2003:

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

SUEDEEN G. KELLY, OF NEW MEXICO, TO BE A MEMBER OF FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2004, VICE CURT HEBERT, JR., RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

C. SUZANNE MENCER, OF COLORADO, TO BE THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (NEW POSITION)

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS THE CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES ARMY, AND APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 688, 601 AND 3033:

To be general

GEN. PETER J. SHOOMAKER (RETIRED), 0000

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. MARK A. HUGEL, 0000

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

LARRY J. MASTIN, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

ROBERT L. DAUGHERTY JR., 0000
WILLIAM D. HACK, 0000
DAVID L. LASALLE, 0000
JOHN J. PERNOT, 0000
CHARLES V. RATH JR., 0000

ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be colonel

KENNETH S. AZAROW, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

MICHAEL F. MCDONOUGH, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AS CHAPLAIN UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

WILLIAM T. BARBEE JR., 0000
JAMES A. BENSON, 0000
LARRY E. BLUM, 0000
ORMAN W. BOYD, 0000
KAREN D. BRANDON, 0000
SCOTT R. CARSON, 0000
BRENT V. CAUSEY, 0000
PHILLIP C. CONNEY, 0000
STEPHEN P. DEMIEN, 0000
THOMAS E. ENGLE, 0000
DONALD W. EUBANK, 0000
THOMAS G. EVANS, 0000
PETER J. FREDERICH, 0000
DAVID H. HANN, 0000
JOEL C. HARRIS, 0000
WILBERT C. HARRISON, 0000
RANDALL P. HOLMES, 0000
FRANKLIN L. JACKSON JR., 0000
STEVEN L. JORDAN SR., 0000
STEPHEN D. KELLEY, 0000